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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FINAL WINTER 1975-76 SCHEDULES

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1. EMBOFF DELIVERED NOTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AUGUST 29 TRANSMITTING FINAL WINTER 1975-76 SCHEDULES FOR QTE INFORMATION AND USE OF THE APPROPRIATE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES UN- QTE. CARRIERS PROVIDED SCHEDULES SHOWING FLIGHT NUMBERS AND TIME SLOTS.

2. MFA REP FIACCADORI (DIRECTOR, CIVAIR AFFAIRS) INDICATED USG WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS. HE DID NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, WHETHER ALITALIA WOULD SEEK CONSULTATIONS ONLY ON CAPACITY OR MORE GENERAL CONSULTATIONS DURING WHICH RENEGOTIATION OF US-ITALY AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (ATA) WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED. ALITALIA, MFA AND MINISTRY TRANSPORT WILL MEET THIS WEEK TO DECIDE GOI'S COURSE OF ACTION.

3. IF GOI REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS SPECIFIES PASSENGER CAPACITY AND IS BASED ON PARA (5) OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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(MOU), USG WILL BE FACED WITH SITUATION DISCUSSED PARA (2) REF-

TEL (B). SINCE US CARRIERS' CARGO CAPACITY IS INCREASED, HOWEVER, USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE TO "CAPACITY" CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARA (5) MOU WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO USG POSITION ON MOU LANGUAGE DISCREPANCIES. IF EMBASSY RECEIVES REQUEST FOR CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS (WHETHER AS SEPARATE ITEM OR AS PART OF MORE GENERAL CONSULTATIONS), SHOULD MFA BE GIVEN NOTE IN WHICH USG ALSO REQUESTS CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS? THIS WOULD PRECLUDE SITUATION WHERE GOI COULD FREEZE US CARRIERS CAPACITY WHILE USG HAS NO LEVERAGE ON ALITALIA. UNDER PROVISIONS PARA (5) MOU, GOI MUST REQUEST CONSULTATIONS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 8.

4. CAPACITY ISSUES, PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN REFTEL (D), INVOLVE ALITALIA'S DESIRE FOR 50-50 SPLIT BETWEEN US CARRIERS AND ALITALIA, WHICH WOULD BE ACHIEVED BY REDUCING US CARRIERS' FREQUENCIES, AND ITS DESIRE TO BECOME SOLE CARRIER SERVING BOSTON. EMBOFF CAUTIONED FIACCADORI AGAINST GOI PERSISTING WITH LOAD FACTOR DEFINITION USED BY ALITALIA AT LAST CONSULTATIONS, NOTING IT NONSTANDARD AND NOT RPT NOT PREVIOUSLY USED BY ALITALIA (IATA/ICAO/CAB DEFINITION WAS USED BY BOTH PARTIES IN PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS). EMBOFF ASSERTED THAT USE OF ALITALIA CONCEPT WOULD PROBABLY ENSURE UNSUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIONS. EMBOFF PROVIDED FIACCADORI WITH COPY OF IATA/ICAO/CAB DEFINITIONS AT HIS REQUEST. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT, IF ISSUE IS BEYOND RIGHTS AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS, GOI SHOULD FOCUS DIRECTLY ON THAT SUBJECT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY BY OPENING BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 8 IF USG ALSO DESIRES REQUEST CONSULTATIONS IN RESPONSE TO GOI REQUEST. VOLPE

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